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Interview

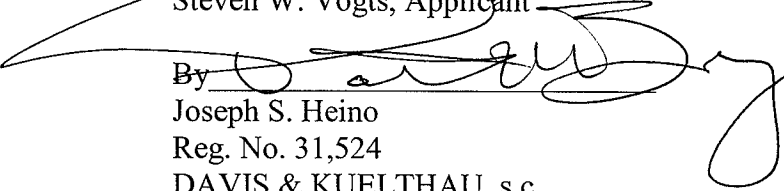
Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's time and helpful suggestions during the interview of April 13, 2006. In addition to the proposed claim amendments submitted just prior to the interview, applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 13 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Having discussed the advantages afforded by the present invention over references such as Great Britain Patent No. 2,264,029 to Orme (Orme) and EP Patent No. 445,086 to Venturini (Venturi), applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are now allowable over Orme and Venturi as neither reference offers the type of vibration transmitting means between the rod blank and the handle as is offered by the present invention.

Conclusion

The applicant respectfully submits that this novel structure, as claimed, is of great benefit to anglers as it provides more accurate feedback of vibration transmitted through the rod blank such as has not heretofore been disclosed or claimed by prior invention. Allowance of all claims now presented is respectfully requested.

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